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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Also attached is a copy of a Japanese Patent Office Action (JPOA) issued 17 August 2004 in a foreign application corresponding to the subject US application, as well as copies of all of the references cited therein. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in the attached JPOA mailed not more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this IDS.

No separate concise explanation of relevance is submitted for each item of information not in the English language In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3)

because the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the attached English language Abstracts.

This IDS is being filed prior to mailing of a final Action on the merits in the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.97(c), and the statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e) is submitted. Therefore, the requirements for entry of this IDS under 37 CFR §1.97(c) are complete. In the event that the filing date of this IDS <u>is</u> concurrent with the mailing date of a final Action in this case, any actually required fee may be charged to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135.

Entry and consideration of the attached information are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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